lions at current crude prices would be lost at the Bombay High due to nonimplementation of the gas lift scheme, the scheme by which gas is introduced into well at high pressure so as to recharge the bottom of the aged wells and to lift the oil;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in completion of the program- , me which was targetted for completion by November, 1991 by the con sortiums; and

(c) what steps are being taken to expedite the project?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The delay is on account of the overturning of a barge leading to a loss of pipes in the sea.

(c) New pipes are being arranged and the project is expected to be completed by November, 1991.

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**ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIRMAN Re. CIRCULATION OF AN UNAUTHORISED PAPER TO MEMBERS**

MR. CHAIRMAN: On 11th July, 1991 several Members . raised in the House a matter regarding circulation of a statement purporting to have been signed by Prof. P. N. Dhar Shri I. G. Patel, Shri Narasimham Shri R. N. Malhotra, along with parliamentary papers. They also observed that the circulation of such an unauthorised paper was not correct, j The Home Minister who is also the Leader of the House, assured in the House that he would enquire into the matter. I have now received a letter from the Finance Minister Shri Manmohan Singh, which reads as 'follows:

"Respected Chairman, may I request you to recall the proceedings of the Rajya Sabha on 11th July, 1991 regarding the circulation of a joint statement issued by Prof j P. N. Dhar, Dr. I. G. Patel, Shri Narasimham and Shri R. N. Malhotra on Agenda for Economic Reform. I wish to express my sincere apologies for the unintended lapse in strict adherence to the procedure prescribed for circulation of such papers. I have taken note of the points raised by the hon. Members as well as the ruling given by you on the subject, and I would like to assure you that the prescribed procedure will be strictly followed in future," In view of the above, I treat the matter as closed.

[The Deputy Chairman in the Ghair].

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I Annual Financial statement incorporating 1989-90 (Actuals), 1990-91 (Budget/Revised Estimates) and 19991-92 (Budget Estimates) of Puajab Siate Electricity Board and related papers

II. Annual statement of Accounts of the Punjab State Electricity Board, Patiala (1989-90) and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTR"?: OF POWER AND NON - CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): Madam, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under section 61 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, read with subclause (iii) of clause (c) of the Proclamation dated the 11th May, 1987, issued by the President in relation to the State of Punjab: - (i) Annual Financial Statement incorporating 1989-90 (Actuals), . 1990-91 (Budget/Revised Estimates) and 1991-92 (Budget Estimates) of Punjab State Electricity Board.

(ii) Statement showing the objects and reasons for placing Annual Financial Statement.

(iii) Abstract of the Financial Statement and comments of the State Government.

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[Placed in Library. *See* LT-31/ 91 for (i) to (iii)].

II. (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (5) of section 69 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, read with sub-clause (iii) of clause (c) of the Proclamation dated the llth May, 1987, issued by the President in relation to the State of Punjab:—

(a) Annual Statement of Accounts of the Punjab State Electricity Board, Patiala, for the year 1989-90 and the Audit Report thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Board.

(2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at ((1) above.

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श्री सैयद शिब्ते रजी (उत्तर प्रदेश): मैडम, उत्तर प्रदेश के अंदर पांच पुलिस मैन को टेरेरिस्टस ने मार दिया (व्यवधान)

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह (बिहार): मैडम, आज के अखबारों में फ्रंट में एक समाचार निकला है कि

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Just a minute, please, nv f^RS \,ivi j^f sfi^r

Let me announce something.

Today we have a Calling Attention. So, we will take it up. Generally we do not have special mentions on the day we have a Calling Attention. But the Chairman has given permssion. So, we will have them at five o'clock. This is what I wanted to announce.

Now, what is it? Just a minute. (Interruptions)

श्री कपिल वर्मा (उत्तर प्रदेश): एल·टी·टी·ई· ने कन्फैस किया है, इसके बारे में मैं चाहता हूं कि ···(व्यवधान)···

श्री कपिल वर्मा (उत्तर प्रदेश): मैं एक मिनट बात करना चाहता हूं। आज के 'टाइम्स आफ इण्डिया' में यह खबर छपी है कि एल·टी·टी·ई· ने यह बात कन्फैस कर ली है और यह क्लेम किया है कि राजीव गांधी का मर्डर उन्होंने किया है और यह वहां के 'संडे आब्जर्वर' -अखबार के अंदर एक बड़े लीडर ने लेटर छापा है और उन्होंने एक हिट लिस्ट का जिक्र किया है जिस में कि तमिलनाडु के चीफ मिनिस्टर चन्द्रशेखर जी, सुब्रह्मण्यम साहब और कई और, लोगों का नाम है। अभी तक एल·टी·टी·ई· वाले डिनाई कर रहे थे कि उनका कोई हाथ नहीं है। लेकिन अब चूंकि सिट ने उन लोगों के ऊपर करीब-करीब अपनी पकड़ मजबूत करली है इसलिए वह यह कह रहे हैं। होम मिनिस्टर साहब यहां मौजूद हैं। यह बतायें कि अब तक क्या हुआ।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I said I would permit you. I promise. Please have patience. *(Interruptions)*

I will allow you. Please sit down.

..ALLEGED LTTE HAND IN THE ASSASSINATION OF SHRI RAJIV GANDHI, FORMER PRIME MINISTER.

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह: मैडम, अखबारों में यह समाचार आया है कि शंकर दयाल सिंह नहीं रहे।

उपसभापति: आर्डर आर्डर। आई विल अलाऊ, एक मिनट... (व्यवधान)···

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह: मेरी क्या हालत हो रही है मैडम सुबह से घर में पचासों टेलीफोन आ चुके हैं (व्यवधान)···

उपसभापति: आप एक मिनट बैठ जाइए। अच्छा मैं अलाऊ कर दंगी, बैठ तो जाइए। I will allow you. I promise, I will allow you.

डा. रत्नाकर पाण्डेय (उत्तर प्रदेश) मैडम, मैं सुबह से हाथ उठाए हूं। मैडम, सबसे पहले मैंने हाथ उठाया है। ···(व्यवधान)··· आप मुझे अलाऊ नहीं कर रही हैं।